

Senate Finance & Claims Committee

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Livestock Loss Board consists of five members (three ranchers & two biologists) and one staff person

Livestock Loss Board provides payments for verified livestock losses and grants for loss prevention projects due to wolves and grizzly bears based upon available funding.

Difficult to find matching funds for federal grants, federal grants are sporadic and for wolves only

LLB provided six grants for loss prevention in 2014 (wolf only) using federal funds, LLB could not fund all grant requests. (LLB received \$100k for non-lethal prevention projects)

Indirect effects such as weight loss are a large economic impact to livestock owners which exceeds death losses. Loss prevention has the potential to reduce indirect impacts.

Projects on hold pending LLB having a secure funding source for grants, especially by county commissioners

USDA Wildlife Services does all investigation work; LLB does not provide funding for investigations.

2-15-3112 (5) MCA, " final determination lies solely with the U.S. department of agriculture wildlife services and may not be changed by the board"

No funding from FWP, SB 348 from 2011 session requires FWP to use \$900K for wolf management; LLB does not have access to any of these funds.

The board currently has received \$156,825 in grant requests for 2015 projects. LLB has not formally published requests for grant submissions other than on their Facebook page due to limited funding.

Montana loss payments and indirect losses using a University of Wyoming

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| 2008 - \$87,318 X 24 = \$2,095,632 (243) | X 18 = \$1,571,724 | X7 = \$611,226 |
| 2009 - \$144,996 X 24 = \$3,479,904 (370) | X 18 = \$2,609,928 | X7 = \$1,014,972 |
| 2110 - \$99,554 X 24 = \$2,389,296 (175) | X 18 = \$1,791,972 | X7 = \$696,878 |
| 2111 - \$85,855 X 24 = \$2,060,520 (95) | X 18 = \$1,545,390 | X7 = \$600,985 |
| 2112 - \$102,714 X 24 = \$2,465,136 (125) | X 18 = \$1,848,852 | X7 = \$718,998 |
| 2113 - \$96,825 X 24 = \$2,323,800 (102) | X 18 = \$1,742,850 | X7 = \$677,775 |
| 2114 - \$125,619 X 24 = \$3,014,856 (87) | X 18 = \$2,261,142 | X7 = \$879,333 |
| Totals \$742,881 \$17,820,144 | \$13,371,858 | \$5,233,167 |

Total loss over seven years \$17,829,144 with a 24X multiplier per year average = \$2,547,021

Total loss over seven years \$13,371,858 with a 18X multiplier per year average = \$1,910,265

Total loss over seven years \$5,200,167 with a 7X multiplier per year average = \$742,881

Using the University of Wyoming study's 21X average = \$2,228,643 per year for losses in Montana.

Note: University of Wyoming study is just on wolves.